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THIRD ADD MOSCOW DIPLOMAT (7:10A) X X X RE  
THE U.S. EMBASSY SAID RIEGG, 25, OF WALNUT CREEK,  
CALIF. REGISTERED AT THE EMBASSY ON SEPT. 1 AND  
REPORTED 12 DAYS LATER TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN  
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.

ACCORDING TO AN ACCOUNT HE GAVE, HE WAS "ENTRAPPED  
BY PLAINCLOTHESMEN IN KHARKOV ON SEPT. 8, ACCUSED  
OF TRYING TO SELL CLOTHES, AND DETAINED OVERNIGHT.

RIEGG TOLD U.S. OFFICIALS HE WAS THREATENED WITH  
IMPRISONMENT, SIGNED A STATEMENT AND WAS THEN BROUGHT  
BEFORE A JUDGE WHO ORDERED HIM TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION.  
HE SAID HE HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO CONTACT THE  
MOSCOW EMBASSY.

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(AMERICANS)

MOSCOW--SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE ARRESTED AN AMERICAN TOURIST FOR  
ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTING PROPAGANDA FOR THE CIA AND EXPELLED HIM FROM  
THE COUNTRY, A RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY.

THE DAILY TRUD (LABOR) IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS NICHOLAS H.  
RIEGG, A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. IT SAID RIEGG  
"CONFESSIONED" TO CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR DURING VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION  
IN SEPTEMBER, 1964, AND AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE LOOKING INTO THE ALLEGATIONS  
MADE IN THE ARTICLE. THEY SAID THEY HAD NO IMMEDIATE INFORMATION ON  
RIEGG OR HIS ALLEGED CONFESSION AND EXPULSION, BUT CAST DOUBT ON THE  
AUTHENTICITY OF THE SOVIET CHARGES.

"IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY THAT IF THE SOVIETS HAD REALLY CAPTURED A  
MAN WHOM THEY WERE SURE WAS A CIA AGENT THAT THEY WOULD LET HIM GO  
JUST LIKE THAT," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

TASS SAID RIEGG "WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED THIS MONTH IN THE  
UKRAINIAN CITY OF KHARKOV." TASS GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

TRUD LINKED RIEGG WITH DONALD R. LESH, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SECOND  
SECRETARY ORDERED EXPELLED FROM THE SOVIET UNION ON SEPT. 14. IT SAID  
RIEGG MET WITH LESH SHORTLY BEFORE LESH WAS EXPELLED FOR ACTIVITIES  
INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

THE PAPER SAID RIEGG THEN WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE CIA "TO DISTRIBUTE  
ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE, TO SLANDER THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNTRY AND TO  
GATHER PARTIAL INFORMATION" DURING HIS 1964 VISIT AS A TOURIST.

THE PAPER SAID RIEGG WAS BRIEFED BEFORE HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE  
SOVIET UNION BY NINA HANSH, A CIA AGENT IN STOCKHOLM.

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BUDAPEST--TWO AMERICAN BROTHERS END THEIR THREE-MONTH JAIL SENTENCES  
TODAY FOR DEFACING AN ANTI-AMERICAN POSTER LAST JUNE WHILE VISITING  
HERE.

THE TWO -- JOHN SAVKO, 25, AND HIS 23-YEAR-OLD BROTHER MICHAEL, OF  
VAN NUYS, CALIF. -- HAVE BEEN DECLARED "UNWANTED" IN HUNGARY AND WERE  
TO RECEIVE A POLICE ESCORT TO THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN BORDER AT  
HEGYESHALOM, AUTHORITIES SAID.

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BY JOHN WEYLAND

MOSCOW, SEPT. 30 (AP)—A 26-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN COLLEGE GRADUATE HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA ON CHARGES OF WORKING FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND ENGAGING IN "HOSTILE ACTIVITIES," RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES DISCLOSED TODAY.

SIMILAR CHARGES ALSO WERE MADE AGAINST AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO WAS EXPELLED TWO WEEKS AGO. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW DENIED THE CHARGES.

THE SOVIET LABOR NEWSPAPER TRUD SAID NICHOLAS H. RIEGG, OF (37 CRAWFORD COURT) CONCORD, CALIF., WHO WAS GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN 1963, WAS EJECTED THIS MONTH.

TRUD SAID THAT DONALD R. LESH, A U.S. EMBASSY SECRETARY WHO WAS EXPELLED SEPT. 14, HAD SERVED AS CONTACT MAN FOR RIEGG. IT CHARGED THAT LESH ALSO WORKED FOR THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND SUBVERTED AFRICAN STUDENTS IN MOSCOW.

THE U.S. EMBASSY CALLED THE CHARGES AGAINST LESH "COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED." NO SPECIFIC CHARGES HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST HIM UNTIL TODAY.

RIEGG REGISTERED AT THE EMBASSY HERE AS A TOURIST ON SEPT. 1. A SPOKESMAN SAID RIEGG MAY HAVE SPOKEN WITH LESH, BUT CALLED THIS DOUBTFUL.

THE EMBASSY SAID RIEGG HAD NEXT TURNED UP AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, ON SEPT. 12 AND DESCRIBED WHAT HAPPENED.

RIEGG TOLD THE EMBASSY THERE THAT FOUR DAYS BEFORE THAT HE WAS "ENTRAPPED" BY PLAINCLOTHESMEN AT KHARKOV, IN THE UKRAINE, AND ACCUSED OF THE ECONOMIC CRIME OF TRYING TO SELL SOME OF HIS CLOTHES. FOREIGN TOURISTS OFTEN ARE ACCOSTED BY RUSSIANS WHO ASK TO BUY CLOTHES AND OTHER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS SUCH AS WATCHES AND PENS.

RIEGG SAID HE WAS DETAINED OVERNIGHT, REFUSED PERMISSION TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS EMBASSY AND THREATENED WITH PRISON, THEN TAKEN BEFORE A JUDGE AND ORDERED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

THE EMBASSY HERE SAID IT HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT RIEGG, EXCEPT THAT HE HAD GOTTEN OUT OF EASTERN EUROPE.

TRUD SAID RIEGG HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT ADMITTING THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

"WE SHOULD LIKE, ETC., 5TH GRAF PREVIOUS, DELETING NINTH GRAF "THE U.S. EMBASSY X X X AND RIEGG CASES."

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